

**Attorney Docket No.: 100794-00513 (FUJM 20.762)**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Inventor(s): Satoshi SUMINO et al.  
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Examiner: Candal Elpenord  
Group Art Unit: 2416

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

SIR:

Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time, a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) and a requisite fee being enclosed.

In response to the non-final Office Action dated November 12, 2008, please amend the subject application as follows: